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Local area hit by severe weather late Sunday night, April 19th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Strong winds and heavy rain quickly got the attention of Elba and Coffee County residents late Sunday night, April 19, into early Monday morning, April 20, as a storm system made its way across the state.

Just after 10:30 p.m. Sunday night, Elba and Coffee County was placed under a thunderstorm warning, and very soon thereafter, the storm rumbled and roared its way across the county leaving quite a bit of damage behind it.

Mid-morning Monday, Grant Lyons, deputy director of Coffee County EMA, said officials were still

working on all of the damage assessments from the Sunday night storm.

"There was lots of damage reported in the Victoria area, as well as, up Highway 51 N near Old Tabernacle," Lyons said. "Most of the damage reports so far has been trees down, power lines down, and trees on power lines."

Additionally, there were reports of roof damage to homes and other structures across the county. Lyons added that Highway 87 N between Elba and the Zion Chapel community also had several reports of trees and power lines down.

"Pretty much the 100-300 Blocks of county roads had the most issues," he said.

"We are still working to clear trees off roads and restore power to some places."

Lyons said the damages Coffee County EMA officials encountered most of Monday appeared to have been caused by straight line winds from the severe thunderstorm.

Around 4 p.m. Monday, Coffee County EMA director James Brown said Coffee County still had three full road closures due to trees and power lines. These included: County Rd 147 north of County Rd 149; County Rd 105 between County Rd 114 and County Rd 107; and County Rd 206 approximately 1/4 mile west of County Rd 205 intersection.

Of 14,300 customers tracked, Alabama Power still had four customers out Monday afternoon; of 1,877 customers tracked, Covington Electric Cooperative still had 600 customers without power; and of 4,942 customers tracked, South Alabama Electric still had 1,433 customers without power Monday afternoon around 4 p.m.

Lyons said electrical crews were continuing to work as quickly and as safely as possible to get power restored for all Coffee County residents.

In Elba, city clerk Sally Bane said the storm caused numerous power outages overnight into Monday morning, but she said all city power had been restored in Elba by mid-morning.

"We were very lucky in that no major structural damages and no injuries were reported from Sunday night's storm," Bane said. "There was a tremendous amount of debris to be cleared, but our street department is working very hard to get that handled as quickly as possible."



Storm damage clean up was underway early Monday morning, April 20, on this downtown Elba home, located at 704 Claxton Avenue N [the corner of Claxton Avenue and Rebecca Lane]. A thunderstorm that rolled through Elba with a tornado warning around midnight Sunday night into Monday morning uprooted this large tree with a portion falling on the carport of the home. North of Elba in the Jack and Victoria communities of Coffee County lots of damage was reported from trees blocking roadways and power lines down to buildings/homes damaged or destroyed. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in Coffee County from the violent storm as it passed through the county late Sunday night into early Monday morning. Additional photos on Page 8.

Buildings on Elba City Schools campus undergo deep cleaning after employee tests positive for COVID-19

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley said Thursday, April 16, that Elba City Schools was closed from last Wednesday, April 15, until Monday, April 20, because the buildings were being deep-cleaned due to the COVID-19 virus.

"I was informed Tuesday night [April 14] around 6:30 p.m. that an employee of our school system had tested positive with the COVID-19 virus," Moseley said. "I worked basically all night Tuesday and all day Wednesday on making sure we were following the proper protocol to handle this matter as suggested by the State Department of Education."

Moseley said making sure protocol was followed and placing the safety of all other employees was his top priority after learning of a positive COVID-19 case with an employee of the school system.

On Tuesday night, Moseley said he spoke with the school system's administrators and officials with the state department of education. He also said he let employees know the school system would be closed the remainder of last week to allow for a deep-clean of the buildings.

"The state department recommends a 72-hour closure of the building with a deep cleaning," Moseley said. "We already were at a minimal staffing point so

that was a good thing for us with this unfortunate matter."

He said the employee that tested positive for the virus was an elementary school employee, and that person had worked at the school one day the week prior.

"While I took care of telling our employees the school would be closed the remainder of [last] week, I put our elementary school principal, Debra Strickland, in charge of determining what other employees may have come in contact with the [COVID positive] employee on the day that employee was working at the building last week," Moseley said. "Mrs. Strickland did a fantastic job in handling this matter."

He said Strickland identified six other employees that had potential contact with the employee, and then she found a COVID-19 testing site in Dothan that had same-day results. Moseley said those other six employees

were tested Wednesday, and the results came back negative on all six.

"On a good note, this shows our folks were doing a great job in honoring the social distancing measures being recommended because the six other employees we determined that needed to be tested were all negative for the virus," he said.

Moseley said he located an outside company to come in and complete the necessary deep-clean [disinfecting] of the school buildings. He said he met with that crew last Thursday morning to set the plan for the cleaning in motion for all to be completed before Monday, April 20th.

The superintendent said prior to learning that an employee of the school system had tested positive for the virus, he had just let teachers know the schools had reached the point where the teachers could pretty much work from home for the remainder of the school year. He said they could still work at the school building if they desired, but it was not going to be mandated since they could keep in

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A single wide mobile home located on Highway 84 E [in the Shiloh Community between Elba and New Brockton] was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, April 15th. Elba firefighters were dispatched to the structure fire at approximately 6:40 a.m. that morning, which was reported and confirmed by an Elba Police officer, according to information released by Elba FD. Providing mutual aid for this fully engulfed blaze were members of the New Brockton and Enterprise fire departments. The blaze was contained quickly and extinguished without any injuries. Officials later was discovered this home was abandoned prior to the fire, and reports were that the incident would be investigated by the Alabama Fire Marshal's office. Also responding to the scene was Haynes Ambulance on standby for firefighter safety and Elba Police for traffic control.

During Tuesday, April 21, press conference

Governor Ivey reminds all citizens that Stay-at-Home Public Health Order remains in effect until April 30th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey held a COVID-19 update press conference Tuesday morning, April 21, and she made it clear the current Stay-At-Home Public Health Order remains in effect until April 30th for the state.

"This week is the projected peak of the illness in our state," Governor Ivey said. "What we are doing is working. I plead with our people to continue to do what you are doing with social distancing, staying at home when you can."

The governor said it is not only her job to look after the safety of Alabama's people, but she also must look after the state's economic health.

"I am as eager as anyone to get our economic wheels rolling again," she said. "But, we must do it in the safest way as possible for the people of Alabama."

Ivey said Alabamians and businesses are hurting right now. She said she knows this, and she assures everyone that state officials are working to help all the best they can to get through this pandemic to get Alabama going again. However, she

ADPH notifies Coffee County of first reported death of a citizen related to COVID-19

Coffee County received confirmation from ADPH [Alabama Department of Public Health] Tuesday, April 21, there now had been one death of a resident related to COVID-19.

"It is with deep regret that we notify you that we have received notice that a death has occurred in Coffee County in a person who tested positive for COVID-19," Coffee County EMA director James Brown said. "At this time, ADPH has not confirmed that the actual cause of death was due to COVID-19, only that it was COVID-19 related. ADPH is working to investigate to determine whether COVID-19 was the primary cause of death."

The updated ADPH dashboard for Coffee County showed the following as of Tuesday afternoon (April 21):
68 Confirmed Cases
1 Reported Deaths
0 Died From This Illness

said getting the economy back up and running is not as simple as flipping a switch.

"No one is more eager to open [Alabama's] economy than me, but we need to do what is best for the safety of our people," the governor said.

She said when the determination is made by herself and state health officer Dr. Scott Harris to begin reopening Alabama from the COVID-19 pandemic that

there will be a very specific timeline of when, what, where, etc.

Ivey was joined during Tuesday press conference by Dr. Harris, along with state finance director Kelly Butler, Alabama Department of Labor secretary Fitzgerald Washington, and Alabama superintendent of banking Mike Hill.

Dr. Harris said as of Tuesday morning there had been just over 5,000 confirmed

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Do not regret growing older, it is a privilege denied to many." - Albert Einstein

Recently we commented about many of our family members posting pictures from Easter family gatherings of years past. Well, since those no longer happen, 'remembering' is probably the next best. That is unless your daughter and son-in-law drive up on Easter Sunday with a carload of food like we normally expected to see at one of those Easter Sunday events. There was the fried chicken, ham, casseroles, fresh vegetables, corn bread and rolls, cake and pie, etc., but to say we are thankful it was no worse and there was no loss of life. Nor do we know of any personal injuries during that midnight blast. Our worry was when the weather folks phoned and said, "it is coming", another worry was when it hit, but not when the lights went out. We went to bed and were soon fast sleep, confident that the utility workers would find and fix the problem. Yes, we woke up Monday morning with the lights on in the living room, just as they were when the storm first hit.

Most of Coffee County dodged another bullet Sunday night when the wind/rain storm hit South Alabama. That is not to discount the damage from falling trees and strong winds on roofs, etc., but to say we are thankful it was no worse and there was no loss of life. Nor do we know of any personal injuries during that midnight blast. Our worry was when the weather folks phoned and said, "it is coming", another worry was when it hit, but not when the lights went out. We went to bed and were soon fast sleep, confident that the utility workers would find and fix the problem. Yes, we woke up Monday morning with the lights on in the living room, just as they were when the storm first hit.

Hopefully none of our readers have walked up to their computer one morning to see a question mark (?) right in the middle of the screen. What it meant to us last week was that our pride and joy, 18-month-old Mac was carrying a crashed, non-fixable hard drive. Now we are typing on the subscription computer while waiting for a 'rush' delivery of a new machine. However full disclosure means we admit grasping the opportunity for a chance to move up a notch to a larger screen and faster operating system. Losing a computer was not a happy time, but . . . that one had been aggravating on several fronts for months. Factory warranty was out and buying extended warranties is not in our play book so . . . alas . . . it is all out-of-pocket spending.

Most of us have cracked jokes about the panic buying of toilet paper during this pandemic and not a single 'expert' has been able to explain why it is happening except to say things like "herd mentality". Now, will someone explain why it is almost as bad in the fresh egg section! The egg laying chickens don't know humans are getting a deadly virus! Recently we have switched to brown eggs once (only option), medium eggs twice (only option), or just did without another time. Also the prices of eggs are through the roof. . . . when you can find them. Those of us finding food of any sort should pay the price and not complain but be grateful that we have food on the table.

An expert urging people to wash their hands for 20 seconds or more finally explained exactly why and in language that regular folks understand. It does not kill the virus, but destroys a protective coating on them, allowing the water to flush the virus off our hands and down the drain. Now hopefully these experts can take all this learned stuff and find both a cure and a preventive. Our guess is that the anti vaccination crowd will stop their yelling long enough to get their shots! Of course, not the guy we saw on an internet news page waving a sign demanding freedom to go where and when he wanted to go or give him the coronavirus! A bit short sighted we say.

Stay safe friends and WASH YOUR HANDS!

Elba business gives in support of Alabama's "Ribbons of Hope" campaign

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Earlier this month, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey announced her "Ribbons of Hope" campaign to continue throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and one Elba business is going the extra mile by providing free ribbons of assorted colors to those who stop by and claim one.

Marty Harrelson, owner of Wildflowers Florist and Gifts in Elba, said his business is supporting the governor's "Ribbons of Hope" campaign by offering complimentary bows. Marty and his sister, Delonda, own the local business.

Through the "Ribbons of Hope" campaign, Gov. Ivey encourages the people of Alabama to tie ribbons around a tree or pole in their

front yard as a symbol to remind everyone to pray for medical personnel, first responders, and for one another.

"We encourage residents to display a bow on their mailbox or in their yard in support of frontline health-care and essential workers," Harrelson said. "It also serves as a reminder life each other up in prayer."

Harrelson is hanging the ribbons out front of his downtown store, located at 322 Buford Street, Elba. He said all anyone needs to do is stop by Wildflowers and take one of the bows hanging out front. He only asks that each of the complimentary bows taken actually be displayed in a yard extending the support for Alabama's "Ribbons of Hope" campaign.



Bows such as these shown above are hanging outside the storefront of Wildflowers Florist and Gifts, 322 Buford St., Elba. Business owners Marty and Delonda Harrelson are providing the complimentary bows in support of Governor Kay Ivey's "Ribbons of Hope" campaign. Just stop by and pick one up, then display it!



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou has noticed the COVID-19 stay-at-home order has generated lots of 'foot traffic' in her neighborhood.

There have been numerous families taking leisurely walks up and down the road, getting in their daily exercise. Some have even jumped on the old pedal bicycles and riding up and down the road as well.

Sitting on her front porch, rocking in her chair, Lou Lou has enjoyed smiling and waving to the walkers and bikers as they go by her home. She even thinks from time to time, I should be out there doing the same thing!

The thought, so far, has left as quickly as it entered her mind, and she goes inside pretty soon to find the bag of Ruffles she hid earlier in the day. Then, she promises herself that "tomorrow I will get out there and go for a walk myself!"

As of this writing, she is still waiting on that particular tomorrow!

Lou Lou has especially enjoyed seeing the moms and dads exercising with their children. If there is one good thing that appears to have come from the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, it is the fact that families have slowed down and are spending more quality time together!

Now, there are times when all need a 'breather' from one another because there is such a thing as too much togetherness — just

ask Sister — she has offered to sell Lou Lou a couple of times over the past few weeks to the highest bidder because of a little too much togetherness, but for the most part, it is wonderful seeing families enjoying their time doing things together. It may be a stroll through the neighborhood, an afternoon fishing, or playing board games inside the house, but the cool thing is families have reconnected and are not letting the world keep them from it for once [forced or not].

The hope Lou Lou has is that when the world is able to return to normal daily routines of work, school, extra-curricular activities, etc. that families will remember how much they enjoyed doing things together during this time, and they will not allow themselves to get so busy once again that they forget to take that walk, go fishing or sit down and play a board game. The truth is, spending that time with family is far more important than anything else in the first place.

Maybe we all just needed a quick reminder of that! Until next time...God Bless, Wash Your Hands, and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 14, and Monday, April 20, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — Officers responded to a burglary complaint at 123 Dunham Ave N (11:28 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Hwy 87 (2:44 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at 777 Claxton Ave N (6:05 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at 429 Plant Ave (9:11 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 — Officers responded to an intoxicated driver complaint at 990 Hwy 203 (3:52 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at 4675 Hwy 84 (5:25 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 14225 Hwy 84 (6:39 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1047 Sunset Blvd (11:35 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 213 Taylor Ave (6:56 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1631 Claxton Ave N (8:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

— Officers responded to an ATV complaint on Seminole Circle (2:44 p.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint at 1524 Powell Circle (3:22 p.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at Elba City Hall (3:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 671 Lee St (7:55 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint at 1950 Reese Ave (8:12 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at Tiger Town Apartments (8:50 p.m.); Officers responded to a fight reported at Tiger Town Apartments (10:19 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

— Officers responded to a complaint of a man with a gun on Reynolds Ave (5:53 p.m.); Officers investigated a complaint of suspicious circumstances on Reynolds Ave (6:01 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 252 Larkin Rd (8:36 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint in the alley at 1016 Edmondson St (11:30 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

— Officers responded to a noise complaint on Mullins Circle (11:06 p.m.).

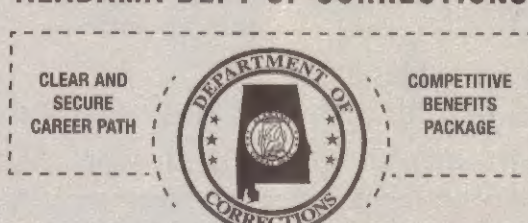
SUNDAY, APRIL 19

— Officers responded to a prowler complaint on County Rd 364 (3:10 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Hickman Ave (11:58 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Tucker Ave — with an arrest made (12:12 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Beaver Dam St (10:11 p.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 20

— Officers responded to a disturbance complaint at 405 Adkinson Ave (2:27 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1267 Hwy 87 N (2:58 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property report at 1539 Powell Circle (1:27 p.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Gibson St (1:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a power line down on Hwy 125 at Whitewater Baptist Church (1:49 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 606 Kendrick St (2:13 p.m.).

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BEWARE OF THOSE SUN ROOFS! Birthday Parades are becoming a popular way to celebrate someone's 'big day' during social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are making signs and hanging balloons from their vehicle while some others are going a step further and hanging out the sunroof of the vehicle to offer a birthday wish. That was the case earlier this week when Janice McCall joined others in bringing a birthday parade to her sister [see Page 5 for more details]. This photo was captured after the van Ms. Janice was a passenger in, driven by her daughter Beverly, parked. It looked as if Ms. Janice had gotten stuck in the sunroof, and several actually thought she was stuck. However, she assured everyone she was not stuck...it just appeared that way! As is shown, everyone got quite tickled at the scene, and this led to an even more enjoyable occasion for all involved! A word to the wise...if planning to stand up through a sunroof for a birthday party, make sure it opens wide enough to allow for a comfortable standing position to be found and enjoyed. Otherwise, you may appear to be stuck!

COVID

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cases of COVID-19 among Alabama citizens at 5,156. He said there had been 699 hospitalizations at that point with 176 reported deaths [144 of those officially confirmed as a result of the virus].

Governor Ivey said too many lives of Alabamians had been lost to this virus, and that was the leading factor in making sure all recommendations are considered fully before she and Dr. Harris make a determination on reopening Alabama. She said the safety of the people must come first.

"We have reached a point where we thought we would see a surge in hospitalizations, and so far we have been able to contain it in our hospitals," Dr. Harris said. "We are pleased with that, but also recognize it is because the people of Alabama are doing well in staying home and social distancing."

Dr. Harris further said some really good guidelines came out of Washington last week to assist state's in their considerations for when it would be time to reopen, and he said those guidelines along with recommendations being received by the governor's Coronavirus task force, etc. would be taken into consideration as he and the governor move forward with looking at

what the next steps will be when the current stay-at-home order expires on April 30th.

Finance director Butler serves as a member of the governor's seven-member coronavirus task force, and he said that group has been meeting and discussing matters already. He said the task force had received numerous recommendations from many groups, including the recommendations released last Friday by Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth and the Small Business Administration.

"As we move forward, our recommendations [to Governor Ivey and Dr. Harris] will be based on data and facts," Butler said. "That is the path we are taking."

Department of Labor secretary Washington said there had been over 306,000 new unemployment filings over the past four weeks. In total he said, as of Tuesday morning, he said \$264 million total had been paid to people impacted by the virus at no fault of their own.

Washington said 40 percent of those who had filed claims had been paid, but he said his department would not be satisfied until the other 60 percent was paid as well.

"We have made several improvements to help expedite [the process]," Washington said. "I know there is frustration, but please be patient as we continue to make updates to better serve those impacted."

Finally, Alabama superintendent of banking Mike Hill said Congress passed the \$2.3 trillion stimulus package in early April to put money back into the na-

tion's economy, and this included 100 percent guaranteed SBA loans to small businesses. If certain criteria was met, he added those loans would be fully forgiven.

"The stimulus was approved to help citizens and businesses survive the pandemic," Hill said. "The success of the program is helping Alabama businesses."

He said as of Tuesday that Alabama banks had taken 28,000 loans totaling \$4.86 billion through this program. He said because of that, Alabama currently was ranked 19th out of 50 states in payroll coverage.

"The state and its people will be much better off because of this at the end of the pandemic," Hill said.

"During these unprecedented times [Alabamians] have truly given new meaning to 'Together Alabama,'" Ivey said. "It has been a tough month and our world has been turned upside down, but I am convinced better days are ahead. We can do this, and we will do this."

In a previous address to the state, the governor said she and Dr. Harris would most likely announce the next step for Alabama prior to the end of next week's Stay-at-Home public health order, which expires April 30th. She has not said if that would be extended or if she would begin to reopen Alabama in a strategic manner at that point, but she has said the decisions made would be in the best interest of the safety of Alabama's citizens first.

SCHOOL

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contact with their students using technological means and assist the students with their work in that manner.

However, he said the offices need to be open, and that was the plan.

"We've got to be available for our students during this time," Moseley said. "We want to be sure we are being transparent with our community. This is why I wanted to make everyone aware of what has taken place at the school."

Moseley said the school staff had done really well in getting work packets out to parents/students, but if someone had not picked up their child's packet prior to last week, he said they still could do that this week.

"All a parent needs to do is

call their school [elementary or high] and make an appointment," he said. "We will have someone that will bring the materials out to the vehicle once they arrive on campus. There is no need for that parent/student to even get out of their vehicle."

Moseley added, "This thing [COVID-19] is a nightmare, but when it is

here, it is here. All we can do is deal with it the best we can by following the recommendations from the state department of education and public health officials. Everyone here at Elba City Schools certainly wishes for a speedy recovery for our fellow co-worker that tested positive for the virus."

Elba City Schools Child Nutrition Program Breakfast & Lunch Pickup Schedule

(All meals picked up on Mondays)

Elba High School (front)	10:00 - 10:30 am
Morrow Village	10:00 - 10:15 am
Powell Trailer Ct	10:00 - 10:15 am
Mullins Apts	10:25 - 10:40 am
Westside Baptist Church	10:25 - 10:40 am
Harris Temple	10:45 - 11:00 am
Beaver Dam Apts	10:45 - 11:00 am

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

HAROLD JASON CAIN

Mr. Harold Jason Cain, age 50, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, April 18, 2020, while cutting branches from a fallen tree.

In consideration of community health and the State of Alabama public health orders that are in effect due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a private graveside service was held for immediate family members only with Gary Miller officiating and Wyatt Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Westview Baptist Church, P. O. Box 305, Opp, AL 36467.

Survivors include his parents: Martha Jo Edgar Cain & Harold D. Cain; aunt and uncle: Jane & Kenneth Short; cousin: Kendall Riley & husband, Ralph; special friends: Kay Bellino and Eddie Spann & wife, Patti; along with many other aunt, uncles & cousins.

KENNETH STEVEN DRAKE

Mr. Kenneth Steven Drake, age 72, of Miami, Fla. died Thursday, April 16, 2020, at home with his family by his side.

He was also born in Miami, Fla. on January 13, 1948 to the late Kenneth and Johnnie Drake. He served his country in the United States Air Force and as a fire fighter for Miami-Dade County.

Graveside services will be held at Veasley Chapel Cemetery in Dozier, Ala. under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home, of Elba, AL.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years: Rosy E.



WILLIAM TALMADGE BROOKS JR.

Mr. William Talmadge Brooks Jr., age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

He was born to William T. Brooks Sr. and Queen Ester Brooks on February 5, 1935, and he was a graduate of the Coffee County Training School.

Mr. Brooks was an air-

craft mechanic at Ft. Rucker for 44 years until his retirement. He also enjoyed cutting hair.

On March 27, 1991 he married Fannie M. Folmar.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister and brother.

Survivors include his wife: Fannie F. Brooks Elba; children: William T. Brooks III (Edna), Sharon Brooks Brown (Jerome), Michael A. Brooks, Donna Brooks Lampley, Tyran Brooks and Ryan Brooks, all of Enterprise, Ala., Tanda Brooks Anance (Emory) Columbus, Ga.; five step children; brother: Robert E. Brooks; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren one great great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces, cousins, and friends.

Thank You

The Family of William Talmadge Brooks Jr. is most grateful for the many precious acts of kindness shown during the illness and loss of my beloved husband. Thank each of you for the comforting expressions of sympathy shown, visits, phone calls, food, and prayers. Also, a very special thanks to my New Zion Church family.

May God Bless Each of You,
Fannie F. Brooks and Family

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During this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, all funeral homes in Alabama will be complying with the State Health Order issued on March 27, 2020. The Alabama State Health Order requires our bereaved families and funeral establishment members to:

1. Limit the number of family members participating in arrangement conferences. Teleconferencing options will be strongly encouraged and arranged by the funeral home, if possible. All in-person arrangement conferences will implement the social distancing requirements of 6 feet.
2. All in-person non-work gatherings are limited to 10 people. Funeral home employees will be assisting families in planning small graveside, chapel, church, and visitation services that meet the 10 in-person gather order. Opportunities for larger memorial or celebration of life services will be offered after the health order is lifted.
3. For those families finding it difficult to postpone a larger service, live streaming the service is an option. Funeral home employees will be happy to discuss this option with you.
4. Any arrangements made by funeral home members with bereaved families must include the social distancing practice recommended in the state health order. Family members with weakened immune systems or chronic health issues are encouraged to stay home.
5. Any family member that has been exposed to COVID-19 or is showing signs of active illness, such as fever or cough, will not be admitted to the funeral home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at
hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH NEWS



2 TONS OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES DONATED TO ELBA FOOD BANK...Last Tuesday afternoon, April 14, Hand Up Enterprise delivered 2-tons of fresh fruits and vegetables to the Elba Food Bank for distribution. Hand Up Enterprise is an organization comprised of dedicated volunteers and benefactors who donate food, and (gently used) essential items to the needy, homeless, working poor, elderly, veterans and disabled of the community. Jennifer Nichols, president of Hand Up Enterprise Alabama, said the organization recently has received a total of 20 tons of fruits and vegetables from SYSCO Foods to provide to those in need, and in return, Hands Up Enterprise delivered 2-ton of that donation last Tuesday to the Elba Food Bank to benefit the Elba and Coffee County area served by the local food bank. The Elba Food Bank is housed in the community building at Elba Church of Christ. Several volunteers were on hand to help Hand Up Enterprise reps unload the fruits and veggies last Tuesday afternoon. Those pictured above include (from left): Evan Maddox, Hudson Wise, Brewer Box, Tripp Stewart, Griffin Martin, Brantley Box, Paige Box, Philip Box, Jennifer Nichols (Hand Up Enterprise), Besty Martin, and Travis Parker (Hand Up Enterprise).

Due to COVID-19 crisis

Basin Baptist Church moves Sunday morning services to Facebook page

During this unprecedented time of social distancing due to the Coronavirus pandemic across the state and nation, Basin Baptist Church has altered its presentation of Sunday Morning Worship to be able to still bring the Word of God to its people.

Until the church is able to safely reopen the church building for its regular services, Basin Baptist Church will be offering a Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. on its public Facebook page (look for Basin Baptist Church).

Also due to COVID-19 public safety measures, the church has cancelled its annual Basin BBQ Community Gathering, which is normally held the first Saturday in May.

Pastor's Corner

by Diana Farrell White, Pastor
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Inflate"

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." John 20:19-23 Common English Bible

In this passage, Jesus entered the locked space of people social distancing themselves and then he breathed on them. I am very sensitive to these words during our present pandemic! Upon further study, I was relieved to read that the Greek word, ἐνεπύονεν, is translated "breathe INTO" instead of "breathe on." You might not see one as being better than the other. However, consider this: "Breathing on" shares germs and bad breath, whereas "breathing into" gives life! Just think: when a person performs CPR or rescue breathing on an unconscious person, the lifesaver breathes air INTO the one who needs saving. Breathing into helps the heart and lungs to function the way they were designed. Rescue breathing can bring a person back to life!

The breath of Jesus had the same effect. This breath can bring a person fully into being! In the Bible, the breath refers to God giving life and movement. It is often noted as being the Holy Spirit. In the books of Genesis and Job, God's breath is the catalyst for giving life. It is the impetus that puts us into motion!

We, too, are socially "locked away" from one another at this time. How can we allow Jesus to breathe the Spirit INTO us even now? My prayer is that we will allow the Spirit to flow through us to the point where we have new clarity. I pray that the Spirit will reveal what in us needs to end and what needs to begin.

Round and About with Eria's Daughter (334) 897-3611



Scripture: The Lord the Shepherd of His People. Psalm 23: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Michael Manning, Corene Daniels, Georgia Nelson, Emily Newson, Mary Sue Dawson, Nursing Home Patients, Joe Rudolph, Akira Hutchinson

April Birthdays

Louise Harris 4/8
Cara Patterson 4/9
John Nelson 4/9
Rebecca Daniels 4/9
Marcus D. Kelley 4/10
Donald Smith 4/10
Marlar Renay Rideaux 4/10
Jala Smith 4/11
Caleb Martin 4/11
Michael Manning 4/12
Valerie Crawford 4/12

Like Father, Like Son

From his infancy, Dave spent Sunday mornings in the church house: first in the nursery, then in the toddler room, and on through each grade of the Sunday School. In the high school class, he was a leader among the church youth and a second baseman on the softball team. No one was better known to church members young and old.

Then Dave went to college far from home. He stayed until his name was adorned with several degrees, then he became a professor and stayed on in that capacity. Only seldom did he visit his old home.

When Dave's son Joel graduated from high school, he too went to college far from home. From time to time, he took part of his weekend to stop by and visit grandpa. When Grandpa and Joel stepped into the older adult Sunday School class, the members greeted Joel with joy; but they called him Dave. Anyone could see that he was the "spitting image" of his father.

From such similarity comes the old saying, Like father,

like son." It comes from more important similarities too – similarities of character, purpose, and action. We expect the son of a good man to be a good man, and the son of a rascal to be a rascal. But it is not always so.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 4/16/20 – True or False

Q: The unjust steward in Jesus' parable thought that begging was a possible way out of his dilemma.

A: The question is false. [read Luke 16: 3]

Q: The city of David was called Bethlehem?

A: True [read Luke 2:4]

Thought to Remember

LORD

Your children call on your Holy Name

Questions for the Week of 4/23/20

Complete this statement of Jesus

Q: Jesus said: "Ye cannot serve...."

Q: Jesus said: "Wherever the body is...."

Q: Jesus said: "I am the true vine...."

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



**Church News
is Due
on Mondays -
Share
Yours with
Us!!**

1 OUT OF 10 ELDERLY PERSONS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE BEING: Abused, Neglected or Exploited

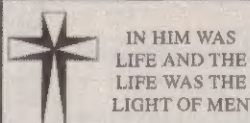
If you suspect this is happening to someone you know, please report it to Adult Protective Services by contacting your local DHR office or calling the ADULT ABUSE HOTLINE at 1-800-458-7214

HELP STOP THE ABUSE IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT



There's no excuse for ELDER ABUSE

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Richard Thoma Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remona Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ERANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even . . . 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st, - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROKTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service

LIFESTYLES

Kinston teacher Connie Hawthorne recently inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Connie Hawthorne of Kinston, Alabama, recently was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Hawthorne was initiated at the University of West Alabama.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and



Connie Hawthorne

alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Hawthorne is among approximately 30,000 stu-

dents, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Hawthorne is a social science teacher at Kinston School, a part of the Coffee County School System.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Uram who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."



Just as the sign reads: Ethelene Tucker was 89 and Look'n Fine for her birthday!

Ethelene Tucker surprised with birthday parade in celebration of her 89th birthday this week

From a teenager to a teen-at-heart, birthday parades have become the norm around Elba in recent weeks as family and friends of the 'birthday boys and girls' look for ways to honor their loved one and still maintain proper social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuesday afternoon, April 21, there was a line of cars traveling on Taylor Mill Road in Elba around 2 p.m. headed to the Taylor Mill Oaks assisted living facility. These vehicles were adorned with balloons, poster board signs and people standing in sunroofs and out windows – all wanting to wish a Happy Birthday to Ethelene Tucker (aka Sister).

Sister was celebrating her 89th birthday on Tuesday!

A long line of well-wishers from blood relatives to church family made the loop in front of Taylor Mill Oaks wishing the birthday girl a happy day. She was sitting on the front porch of the facility taking her surprise all in. The joy this moment brought created 'happy tears' but it was obvious this well-loved lady was feeling much like a teenager Tuesday as she was made to feel even more loved than normal!



Ethelene Tucker (aka Sister) was moved to tears Tuesday afternoon as her 89th birthday was celebrated with a birthday parade from family and friends.

Elba's American Legion Post #42 seeks participants in essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State

Elba's American Legion Post 42 is asking students who are in the 11th grade to enter an essay contest for Alabama Girls and Boys State. Due to the COVID-19 virus, the essay contest is being handled differently this year.

The young man or lady selected will participate in government such as Senate, House of Representatives and the Governor. He/she also will participate in county offices such as Sheriff and Probate Judge just to name a few. They will be competing for scholarships besides the one they will receive just for attending the event.

The essay topic is: Many great leaders are determined and committed to their causes. The students are asked to write about something he/she feels passionately about—and then

explain how he/she could lead others to also care about the cause. The essay must be 1-2 pages, but no more than 3 pages please.

Include a cover page with title, student's name, phone number, email address and home address so American Legion officials can notify the winner. DEADLINE for essay submission is April 24, 2020.

Boys State and Girls state will be held at the University of Alabama. Boys State will be held from May 31 until June 6, 2020 and Girls State will be from June 9 until June 14, 2020. Post 42 will pay the registration fees for one girl and one boy.

Email essay to elbapost42@gmail.com or mail to 813 Claxton Ave., Elba, AL 36323. Parents may call Elba Post Commander Jenny Reed at 706-761-1698 with any questions.

NOTICE:

The Coffee County Board of Education will meet for a called meeting of the board Thursday, April 23, at 12 noon.

Federal government extends STAR ID deadline to Oct. 2021

The Alabama Law Enforcement reminds the public the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, at the direction of President Donald J. Trump, has extended the STAR ID enforcement deadline to Oct. 1, 2021, in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

STAR ID, which stands for Secure, Trusted and Reliable Identification, is Alabama's version of the federal REAL ID program.

ALEA began modifying its Driver License Division operations in mid-March. The agency then shut down public access to Driver License locations at the end of March 26. Driver License Division personnel have continued to serve customers online and via phone and email.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "The federal deadline extension should relieve some of the wait time at ALEA's DL offices to obtain a STAR ID during the next several months."

During the closure, ALEA's Driver License personnel continue to contact customers who scheduled appointments for services prior to the pandemic.

Until operations are back to normal, Driver License Division customers still may:

- Renew DL/CDL/ID online
- Renew by mail – for Alabama drivers out of state for military, employment, missionary work, under a physician's care or other issues on a case-by-case basis
- Request a hearing online or by mail/fax. We will not take any law enforcement actions until hearing can be held.
- Change address by mail/email/fax. Address change document available online.
- Change name by mail/email. Contact ALEA DL for instructions.
- Renew hardship license
- Have license reinstated by mail/email/phone. May use credit card.
- Order MVR (driver

history) by mail/email/phone. May use credit card.

• Order crash reports by mail/email/phone. May use credit card.

• Submit medical cards by fax/email

• Submit medical unit forms – fax/email

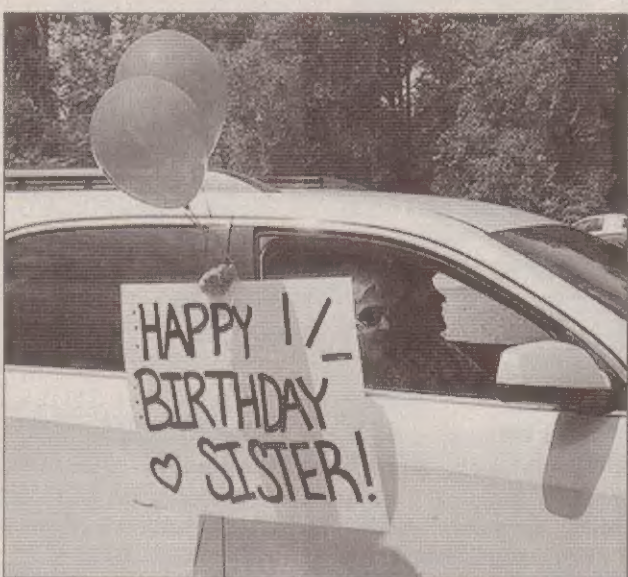
• Handle Mandatory Liability Insurance – online/mail

• Renew vessel registration online

Once ALEA's Driver License Division resumes normal operations, customers may schedule an appointment on the agency's website to obtain a STAR ID and conduct other driver license business. Secretary Taylor reminds the public of the 60-day grace period for driver licenses (Code of Alabama, 32-6-1), but customers who would like to renew during the pandemic are encouraged to do so online. Individuals

whose driver licenses must be reinstated may contact the Driver License Division to handle it by phone.

For more information on STAR ID, online renewals and other services, and the latest on Driver License Division office closures, please visit www.alea.gov.



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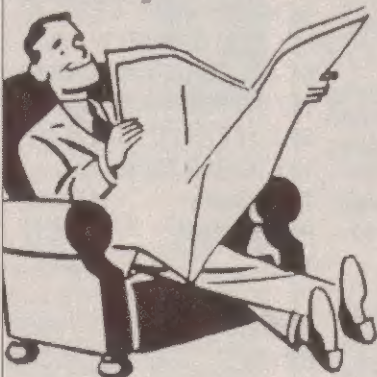
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ESTATE OF JAMES E. FLOWERS, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC 2020-009

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 2nd day of April, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be barred.

/s/ Kimmey E. Flowers, Personal Representative 4/9,13&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. KELLEY DECEASED

CASE NO: PC 2019-100

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of December, 2019 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of said county in said State, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be barred.

Charles S. Kelley
Edwin B. Kelley
Personal Representatives of the Estate of Charles E. Kelley, Deceased
4/16,23/30-chg.

WATER WORKS & ELECTRICAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF ELBA COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for **Water Meter Purchase and Water Meter Installation** contracts will be received, by **Water Works & Electrical Board of the City of Elba**, at the meeting room of **City Hall of Elba; 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323**, until **11:00 a.m. local time on Friday, May 8, 2020**, at which time the Bids received will be

publicly opened and read. The **Water Meter Purchase Project** consists of **furnishing 1,700 "Radio Read" water meters, radio meter reading system, meter boxes, curb stops, check valves and related appurtenances.** The **Water Meter Installation Project** consists of the **installation of 1,700 "Radio Read" Water Meters and other appurtenances.**

Bids will be received for each prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

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documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P O Box 610; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$80.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **11:00 a.m.** local time on **Friday, May 1, 2020** at the meeting room of **City Hall of Elba; 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Owner: **Water Works & Electrical Board of the City of Elba**

By: **Tim Johnson**

Title **Chairman**

Date **April 8, 2020**

4/23-chg.

ELBA DIVISION STATE OF ALABAMA

LEGAL NOTICE COFFEE COUNTY

REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Stephen E. Blair, of said county on **April 21, 2020** will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on **May 26, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.** the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2019.

April 23,30 May 7 - 2020

BLACK JASON
06-02-03-0-000-004.004
S/T/R-03/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E R/W OF AL HWY 87 AND N/L OF SEC TH SW' LY 65' 0" S TO POB TH SE' LY 407.47' SW 210' NW 421.25' NE 210.45' TO POB MH,MH S
Tax & Costs 375.76
Printing Fees 68.52
Total 444.28

FILLINGIM S W C/O JANET B A S S
01-08-27-0-000-008.000
S/T/R-27/07N/22E A LOT IN SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 BEING ALL LAND LYING N R/W OF PEA RIVER CONT 1.5 AC
Tax & Costs 50.96
Printing Fees 52.68
Total 103.64

BURCH L M & MAVIS
11-03-08-3-004-010.000
S/T/R-08/05N/20E BEG ON S R/W HWY 84 185' W OF ADKINSON ST W 274.8' SLY ALG C RK 160'(S) SELY 170' (S) ELY 70' (S) N 200.55' TO POB
Tax & Costs 6735.87
Printing Fees 61.92
Total 6797.79

FORD VIRGIL CORNELIUS
11-03-07-1-003-002.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E MULBERRY HEIGHT S/D LOT 1-7 IN ELBA FHOM
Tax & Costs 563.84
Printing Fees 28.92
Total 592.76

CARNELY ANN
11-04-17-01-02-20.004 A LOT COM AT INT OF CENTER LINE OF DR ROBERTS DRIVE & W R/W OF CO RD 401; TH N 470' S TO POB; TH N 210'; W 210' S 210'; E 210' TO POB
Tax & Costs 173.82
Printing Fees 67.20
Total 241.02

HYSMITH LAURA L C/O D & C INVESTMENTS LLC
11-03-08-2-001-009.000
S/T/R-08/05N/20E A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 DESC AS BEG AT PT 865' S & 80' W OF NW COR OF NW 1/4 TH E 160' TH SWLY 125' TH WLY 160' TH NLY 125' TO POB RES
Tax & Costs 182.39
Printing Fees 83.04
Total 265.43

CASE VERA ELAINE
11-03-08-3-004-039.000
S/T/R-08/05N/20E. A LOT IN SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL COM SW/COR W DAVIS ST & N CORDELIA ST TH W 110' TO POB TH S 183.2' W 55' S 11.4' W 7 0.7' N 199.4' E 125' TO POB TERM,MOT
Tax & Costs 1529.00
Printing Fees 75.12
Total 1604.12

MOORMAN BARBARA ANNETTE; WEAVER JESSIE C/O JESSIE WEAVER
06-08-28-0-000-001.002
S/T/R-28/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E/L OF SEC & E R/W OF AL HWY 125 TH SW'LY 719.5' TO P.O.B. TH SE'LY 200'; SW'LY 150'; NW'LY 200'; NELY 150' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 74.37
Printing Fees 69.84
Total 144.21

DOZIER CLARA C/O BRYANT HENDERSON
11-03-07-4-001-007.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 DESC AS BEG AT 100' SELY FROM NE INT ER OF LEE ST & TAYLOR MILL RD TH NE 175' TH SE 100' TH SW 175' TH NW 100' TO POB IN RES
Tax & Costs 223.09
Printing Fees 77.44
Total 299.53

MOORMAN BARBARA ANNETTE; WEAVER JESSIE C/O JESSIE WEAVER
06-08-28-0-000-001.004
S/T/R-28/06N/20E HWY 125 COM AT INT S/L NE 1/4 OF S E 1/4 & E/L HWY 125 NLY 28 0' (S) TO POB SE 200' NE 300' NW 200' TO HWY SWLY ALG HWY 30 0' TO POB
Tax & Costs 101.50
Printing Fees 76.44
Total 177.94

PRESCOTT HANSEL
11-04-18-4-001-001.001
S/T/R-18/05N/20E COM AT INT N/L SE 1/4 & W ROW PAYNE ST WLY 200'(S) TO POB S 2 00' W 100' N 200' E 100' TO POB
Tax & Costs 6783.54
Printing Fees 54.00
Total 6837.54

PRETTYMAN GREG
11-04-17-2-000-009.000
S/T/R-17/05N/20E COM AT INT OF W R/W OF CORDELIA STREET & N R/W OF N R/W OF PUTNAM ST. TH W 105' TO P.O.B. TH W 120' N 121.21', E 123', S 125' TO P.O.B
Tax & Costs 5613.42
Printing Fees 67.20
Total 5680.62

RICHARDS CYNTHIA RAE
12-02-10-0-000-006.000
S/T/R-10/05N/19E A LOT IN NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG @ INT OF NW OF SD FO RTY & NLY R/W OF US 84 TH WLY 680' TOPOB TH WLY 100' TH NLY 200' TO E 100' TH SLY 170' TO POB
Tax & Costs 66.51
Printing Fees 75.12
Total 141.63

SANDERS JAMES & LOUISE C/O D & C INVESTMENTS
11-04-17-2-000-031.000
S/T/R-17/05N/20E ELBA IMPROVEMENT CO S/D PT OF BLK 12 DESC AS BEG @ INTER OF N/L & THE W R/W OF HICKMAN AVE TH SELY 165' W 157' NWLY 45' SELY 110' SELY 50' NELY 70' SELY 35' TO POB ELBA
Tax & Costs 6883.02
Printing Fees 83.04
Total 6966.06

SIMMONS LILLIE PEARL C/O JAMES SIMMONS
11-03-08-2-001-020.001
S/T/R-08/05N/20E BRUNSON ADD TO CITY OF ELBA BLK 2 W 1/2 OF LOTS 30 31 32 & 33 IN ELBA RES
Tax & Costs 154.46
Printing Fees 56.64
Total 211.10

TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC C/O CINDY

M E N D E N H A L L
02-03-05-0-000-005.001
S/T/R-05/07N/21E BEG AT SW COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 & TH E 1370'S, N 600', NWLY 100', SWLY 453.76', NWLY 346.94', NE'LY 435.72', NWLY 73' S, SWLY 216.09', NW 218.99', NE 243.54', NW 187.83', W 586.28', S 1330'S TO P.O.B. CONT 30 AC 2 MH,BARN,2 MH S
Tax & Costs 718.08
Printing Fees 89.64
Total 807.72

TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC
02-03-05-0-000-005.002
S/T/R-05/07N/21E COM AT INT OF E/L OF NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 & W R/W OF CO RD 201, NW 100' TO POB. SE 453.76'; NE' 346.94'; NE 453.72'; SE 487.32' TO POB. CONT. 4.31 ACRES.
BARN,UTIL
Tax & Costs 155.76
Printing Fees 68.52
Total 224.28

TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC
02-03-05-0-000-005.003
S/T/R-05/07N/21E COM AT NW COR OF THE NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, TH E 586.28', SE 187.83' TO P.O.B. SE 268.35', SW 216.09', NW 218.99', NE 243.54' TO P.O.B. CONT 1.27 SHOP
Tax & Costs 692.78
Printing Fees 65.88
Total 758.66

WATERS DORIS
11-03-07-1-001-063.001
S/T/R-07/05N/20E LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 7 MULBERRY HGTS S/D MB-1 PG 465
Tax & Costs 71.89
Printing Fees 36.84
Total 108.73

WILLIAMS R B
11-03-07-2-000-021.000
S/T/R-07/05N/20E BEG @ SE CORNER OF LOT 2 BLK A KENNEDY ESTATES PB-1, PG-80, TH SW 149.5', NW 131', NE 150', SE 131' TO P.O.B. CONT. 44 A C(C). RE
Tax & Costs 270.94
Printing Fees 60.60
Total 331.54

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was all smiles this week when he announced he had completed all his lessons and was back on track in school. Our little man enjoys going to school, being with his friends and teachers, and learning new things, and there is no one that wants the schools to reopen more than him.

For what it is worth....

*** The plan from a statewide committee last week seemed to hint of reopening the economy and hopefully the next step will be for the state school board and the AHSAA to set some dates and rules for high school athletes to follow. It seems easy to me for the coaches to stagger the times and locations of various conditioning drills and practices to meet the limit for no more than ten people to be in a group, and while such a plan would be great news for the coaches, it would also be great news for the players that are more than ready to start working with their teammates. I guess we will know in just a matter of days when summer workouts will start at high schools all across the state, and that will be the first step toward setting the rules for the upcoming seasons.

*** It is interesting to read about the so-called college and professional experts that can tell us all just what will happen regarding the upcoming season. The SEC commissioner has hinted that the conference would do what it feels is best, no matter what other groups may do, while up in the pro leagues more and more talk centers around games being played in stadiums with no fans. I guess the owners of the pro franchises feel that the TV money is better than none, and hopefully by mid-season the fans can return and it will be an historic season for all involved. As for the PGA, the word is the tour will resume in June with no fans. That may hold true, but the reopening of the country from its scare of COVID-19 may be eased a bit by June, and just maybe life will return to a more normal way of doing business.

*** In closing.... the State of Florida has reopened many of its beaches and last week stated that professional wrestling was an essential business in the state, which allowed the WWE to continue staging matches for television in its empty training facility in the state. It seems a little crazy to me when the wrestlers shout and scream at each other as scripted in an empty arena, but I guess it may be just as crazy for someone to actually sit and watch pro wrestling when they can watch the 'pickers' on the History Channel.

Coffee County Lake
FISHING SPOTLIGHT

MEGHAN MILLAY... holds a 6-pound bass she caught last week while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. She reported it was her first bite and first catch of an enjoyable day at the lake.

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May 11 is target date

Youth leagues may soon hear 'Play Ball'

While all sporting activities in Alabama were suspended a month ago by Gov. Kay Ivey due to the coronavirus pandemic, a group headed by Lt. Gov. Will Ainsworth and state Rep. Danny Garrett has recommended that youth sports be allowed to resume with May 11 as a target date.

In a report named 'Re-open Alabama Responsibly,' the group made its recommendation last week, with a number of guidelines that must be met for youth sports to resume its seasons across the state.

The summary of the report stated: "Maintaining social distancing and following the measures recommended in this section will be critical to establishing safe and healthy operations of youth recreational activities and sports. The application of the recommendations may vary by sport; however, these measures should not exclude or largely deviate from how they are described in this section."

The 162-page report detailed measures that would need to be implemented for the youth sports to return. The measures included properly spacing equipment to limit interaction, limiting the use of shared equipment and not allowing food and concessions to be opened.

Following is a list of recommended guidelines that are included in the report that it insists must be followed along with additional recommendations from recreational leagues, cities, counties, the state and CDC recommendations:

- * Ensure that all player equipment is properly spaced to limit interaction;
- * Coaches, players, parents and attendees are required to practice responsible social distancing when and where possible, especially in common areas (i.e. dugouts);
- * Limit the use of team-shared equipment and encourage the cleaning and sanitizing of this equipment after each use;
- * Strictly monitor the health of each employee, coach and player and require any individual with a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 to not participate in team activities;
- * Encourage use of face masks by players and in close contact areas and situations where applicable;
- * Facilities should increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing measures especially in areas of high traffic, such as restrooms;
- * No food or concession sales will be allowed at facilities;
- * Public restrooms should be limited to a one-in-one-out policy;
- * Practices and games should be scheduled to allow for additional time for teams and attendees to exit the premises before other teams and attendees enter.

While Gov. Ivey has not yet adopted the recommendations, Elba Parks and Recreation Director Greg Hanchey stated last week that, "The youth baseball and softball seasons have not been canceled. We still have hope to get the all clear very soon and hopefully allow the youth a limited time to practice and then if possible start the season on May 15."



OUT OF THE DUGOUT.... and onto the field may soon be the norm in Alabama if recent recommendations are followed to restart youth baseball and softball leagues across the state.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

"I have been in numerous virtual meetings with state officials in all summer sports and all options are still in limbo," added Hanchey. "I plan to hold a virtual meeting this week with all coaches to make sure they are still willing to coach a team, and we will proceed from there as allowed. State officials in Dixie Baseball and Dixie Softball have always had May 1 circled as a potential starting date, but any and all plans are only projections until Gov. Ivey and state health officials give us the okay."

Hanchey reported that registration is complete for teams in age groups '12 and under,' and added that numbers are high for youth signed up for tee-ball. He said schedules have been completed, with teams from Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Goshen and Kinston set to play interlocking schedules.

"If we start in mid-May it will obviously mean having to rework the schedules," said Hanchey, "since that is the time we usually begin to wind down the regular season and pick all-star teams for post-season tournaments. Many league officials seem to favor playing the regular season in May and June, just to give the youth that want to play in the summer some form of normalcy. State officials in Dixie Baseball and Dixie Softball have hinted that there will not be any district tournaments, to allow for a delayed regular season to complete its season, and then possibly hold an 'invitational' state tournament."

Hanchey continued, "We know we have a lot to cover in a short amount of time if we get the go ahead, because we know that not all players that signed up will still want to play due to health concerns, and others may not play because the family will want to go on vacation once the 'stay at home' orders cease. If there is anyway possible we can still have a regular season in all our leagues we will do so. We are going to make certain that what we are doing is in the best interest of all the youth and the families in our community with



CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY.... at Hawkins-Williams Park as new backstops are installed to protect fans and visitors at games.



SPLASH PAD.... at Tigertown Park is expected to open on schedule on the Memorial Day weekend for the enjoyment of those of all ages.

the safety of all concerned being the number one priority."

"We have been keeping the grass cut at all the fields and work on the infield as much as possible," added Hanchey, "but it will take some time to get the fields ready to play, which means some long hours ahead. We don't mind the extra hours as long as the youth get the chance to play ball."

Renovations at Hawkins-Williams Park

The renovations at Hawkins-Williams Park, the home fields for tee-ball, coach pitch and all softball leagues, are expected to be completed this week and should not in any way delay the start of the seasons.

"The construction crews have been hard at work to get finished," said Hanchey, "and we are confident we will be ready to go. We added concrete sidewalks in many areas to meet all ADA (American Disabilities Act) standards and also raised the backstops from dugout to dugout on all three fields from ten feet to twenty feet high. This should help protect the fans from foul balls

that have always been a danger to those in attendance."

Tigertown Park Splash Pad

The splash pad located at Tigertown Park is still scheduled to open on the Memorial Day weekend, and the date should not create any problems for the recreation staff.

"We have always set Memorial Day as the opening day for the splash pad," said Hanchey, "and we are confident that date will remain. We will have to do much more cleaning and sanitizing of the area this summer in an attempt to provide extra safety for all users, and will no doubt put some new rules in effect to ensure the health and safety of all users is met."

Recreation Center

The recreation center, located on Claxton Avenue, will be closed until further notice due to problems with the floor in the gym area. The gym was closed to basketball this past season and no plans have yet been made for its reopening.

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